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TAGS: KU, UK, MILI

SUBJECT: KUWAIT PURCHASE OF BRITISH CHIEFTAIN TANKS

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR LANB HAS INFORMED ME THAT KUWAITI MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHAIKH SAAD REQUESTED HIM SEND TEAM TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON GOK PURCHASE OF CHIEFTAIN TANKS. LANB ASKED ME HOLD THIS INFORMATION VERY CLOSELY.

2. COMMENT: THIS INFO COMES AS NO SURPRISE TO US. WHEN KUWAITIS LEARNED SOME TIME AGO THAT GERMAN TIGER TANKS UNAVAILABLE TO THEM, THEY TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER NEXT BEST. CHIEFTAIN WAS DEMONSTRATED HERE IN LATE AUGUST. WE EXPECT GOK TO SIGN WITH BRITISH ON CHIEFTAINS WELL BEFORE END OF 1974.
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